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### SUMMER SPORTS CAMP AT UM SCORES AGAIN

#### MISSOULA --

The University of Montana staged another award-winning summer sports camp in 1995 for low-income children in the Missoula area, earning the NCAA's "meritorious program" citation.

The announcement came recently from the association's National Youth Sports Program Committee. Of about 170 NYSP-funded programs nationwide, the UM program is one of 15 to receive the award.

It's at least the sixth such award for the UM summer camp, said Keith Glaes, program director since 1979.

"The evaluator complimented the staff for being upbeat and well-organized," he said. "The kids have a lot of fun."

NYSP links community resources with local colleges and universities nationwide in an effort to give low-income children wholesome educational and athletic opportunities. Awards go to programs that score well on campuswide cooperation, have an enthusiastic and well-organized staff, and fulfill NYSP expectations cost-effectively.

UM's 1995 camp, held weekdays from June 19 through July 28, enrolled 550 boys and girls between ages 10 and 16, and averaged 400 participants a day. Each child received a physical examination by UM's Student Health Services personnel; daily swimming instruction; a USDA-approved lunch each day prepared by Dining Services; and daily classes about health, community

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service, jobs and educational opportunities featuring speakers from all across campus.

Participants also could pick two activities from a list that included football, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, tennis, soccer, and track and field. Activities director was Russ Lodge, principal at Target Range School.

Glaes, whose regular job is director of Campus Recreation at UM, will travel to Washington in February to accept the award at the NYSP workshop. With any luck, he'll also bring home the Silvio Conte Cup, awarded to the top NYSP program in the land. Conte, a congressman from Massachusetts for more than 25 years, was devoted to improving the lives of America's disadvantaged youth.

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